

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2017.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri met in a regularly scheduled meeting at the regular place of meeting, City Hall, on Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor David W. Eden with the following roll call recorded: Craig Nelson, Lowell Phillips, Sherie Thrasher, Kathy Fairchild, Sandy Martin and Sue Lee. Absent: J.N. Greene and Jason Haymes. The following city personnel was also in attendance: City Administrator Max Springer, Attorney William Petrus, Jr., Treasurer Shari Weldy, Director of Public Works Gene Stanton, Director of Public Works-in-training Joe Kelley, Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Conway, Chief of Police David Hubert, Fire Chief Brad DeLay and City Clerk Shannon Neely.

Guests registering their attendance are listed on the sign-in sheet attached to and made a part of the minutes.

Approval of the Agenda.

Mayor Eden presented the agenda to the Board for approval. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nelson to approve the agenda as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Presentation of Minutes.

Mayor Eden presented the city council minutes from the September 26, 2017 meeting to the Board for approval. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Martin to approve the minutes as presented. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Business Recognition.

Mayor Eden presented the following years in service business awards recognized by the Economic Development Corporation:

- Sani-Kleen (Scott Cloud) – Twenty Years
- Burrus Jewelry (Jerry Burrus) – Forty Years
- The Lawrence County Record (Ryan Squibb) – One hundred forty years

Citizen Participation.

Mayor Eden announced this portion of the meeting is set aside to receive input from those in attendance to the meeting and requested if anyone wished to address the Board. None brought forth.

Empire District Electric Representatives.

Brent Baker, Marcia Sadler and Shawn Pingleton, representatives from Empire District Electric Company, requested the Board reconsider action on Bill No. 2017-021 regarding purchasing electricity thru the Southwest Missouri Public Energy Pool (SWMPEP). Mr. Baker requested the Board postpone the second and final reading of Bill No. 2017-021 so as to provide Empire additional time to prepare for a market-based proposal for electrical rates. Mayor Eden requested discussion from the Board regarding the second and final reading of the bill. Discussion was

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held. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderman Phillips to postpone second reading of Bill No. 2017-021 until Tuesday, October 24, 2017. The following voice vote was recorded:

AYES: Nelson, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Martin, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Greene, Haymes

With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Ordinances.

Bill No. 2017-021 re: Second reading of an ordinance authorizing execution of a power supply and administration agreement by and between the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri and the Missouri Joint Municipal Electric Utility Commission. Per Board action, second reading postponed until Tuesday, October 24, 2017.

Bill No. 2017-022 re: An ordinance changing zoning designation from R-2 Two Family Residential District to R-3 Multi-family Dwelling District and directing change to be indicated on the District Map, as adopted by the City of Mount Vernon was read twice, by title only, with the following roll call vote recorded:

First Reading:

AYES: Nelson, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Martin, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Greene, Haymes

Second Reading:

AYES: Nelson, Phillips, Thrasher, Fairchild, Martin, Lee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Greene, Haymes

Bill No. 2017-022 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 2017-022 thus became Ordinance Number 2.190.

Department Reports.

City Administrator.

Springer held discussion on the following items:

- MVR-5 Giving Back. Springer reported the Mount Vernon R-5 School District will host a MVR-5 Giving Back event scheduled for Monday, October 16, 2017 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Memory Healthcare Technologies, Inc. Springer reported Memory Healthcare Technologies, Inc. will hold a grand opening ceremony on Thursday, October 19, 2017 at 1:30 p.m.

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- Apple Butter Making Days. Springer reported Apple Butter Making Days would begin on Friday, October 13, 2017.
- Airport. Springer presented Change Order #1 for runway striping, crack-filling and sealing project, for a total of \$4,000.50, for credit due to the total amount of material used was less than anticipated. Springer also requested approval of pay request #4 for a total of \$13,405.56. Discussion was held. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to approve payment of Change Order #1 and Pay Request #4. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Treasurer.

Weldy held discussion on the following items:

- Bills Paid. Weldy presented the Bills Paid report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Unclaimed Property. Weldy presented a request to send unclaimed property to the Missouri State Treasurer's office. Weldy noted the total amount of unclaimed property is \$363.90. Alderwoman Fairchild made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee approving request to transfer funds to Missouri State Treasurer office. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Public Works.

Kelley held discussion on the following items:

- Request to purchase utility poles. Kelley requested the Board approve funds to purchase various sizes of utility poles for inventory replacement. Alderman Phillips made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lee to proceed with purchase of poles for inventory replacement for a cost of \$7,900.00. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Code Enforcement.

Conway held discussion on the following items:

- September Statistical Report. Conway presented the September Statistical report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Planning and Zoning Commission Report. Conway reported the Planning and Zoning Commission met on Tuesday, October 3, 2017 and held discussion and action on the following items:
 - Apiary Discussion. Conway reported the Commission continued discussion on text change to allow beekeeping within the city limits.
 - Capital Improvement. Conway reported discussion was held on capital improvement projects for the next five years.
 - Variance Request. Conway reported he has received a request from a resident to build a fence taller than allowed by current code. Conway noted the request is adjacent to the interstate and is being installed as a sound barrier. Conway added the Commission did grant the variance request to allow an 8 foot privacy fence to be built at 1524 Kevin Drive.
 - Conway Property. Conway reported he owns property on Fillmore Street that lacks ingress and is landlocked. Discussion was held.

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- Conway Property. Conway reported the property he owns at 311 West Cherry Street has a large lot behind the house which was purchased separately. Conway noted he was told the previous owner of the lot had an arrangement with the city to install piping for storm water relief, but the project was never completed. Conway reported the Commission recommends to the Board that the city come to an agreement with Conway to fix the storm water issue. Discussion was held. Mayor Eden directed city staff to form a plan and return to the Board with options to consider to remedy the issue.
- Public Hearing. Conway reported a public hearing was held regarding a revocation of a conditional use permit for The Walnut's Apartments, located at 301 West Mount Vernon Boulevard. Conway noted the Commission recommends the Board take action to revoke the conditional use permit. Discussion was held. Alderwoman Lee made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Martin to revoke the Conditional Use permit assigned to The Walnut's Apartments located at 301 W. Mt. Vernon Blvd. With all present members voting in favor, Mayor Eden declared the motion approved.

Police.

Hubert held discussion on the following items:

- September Statistics. Hubert presented the September Statistic report and requested any discussion. None brought forth.
- Apple Butter Making Days. Hubert held discussion on Apple Butter Making Days.

Fire.

DeLay held discussion on the following items:

- Calls. DeLay reported the Department has received one call since last report.
- Equipment/Vehicle Maintenance. DeLay reported maintenance has been performed on equipment and vehicles and the annual certification for the aerial truck was completed with the truck having no defects or issues. Discussion was held.
- Training. DeLay reported the department has maintained a very busy training schedule and listed past and future dates.
- Community Activities. DeLay reported the Department participated in the following three community events:
 - Division Youth Services Olympics – October 4, 2017
 - Mount Vernon Elementary School Fire Program – October 9, 2017
 - Mount Vernon Elementary School Fire Program – October 10, 2017
- Miscellaneous. DeLay reported the Department received an award from the Muscular Dystrophy Association for fifth highest collections in the district. DeLay reported the department collected \$8,100.00. Discussion was held. DeLay also reported seventy-eight (78) smoke detectors have been installed in thirty-nine (39) homes. DeLay invited the Board and public to attend the open house at the Fire Station on October 31, 2017.

Old Business.

Mayor Eden requested any old business to be brought to the floor for discussion.

- Alderman Nelson requested discussion on hoarding status on King Street.

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New Business.

Mayor Eden requested any new business to be brought to the floor for discussion.

- Alderman Nelson reported a one-way only sign at the Gary Ewing Park is unreadable due to fading. Alderman Nelson also reported a bank of lights not working at the Mighty-might Field at the Spirit of 76 Park. Discussion was held.

Adjournment.

Mayor Eden announced there being no further business listed on the agenda to come before the Board, the meeting is adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

David W. Eden, Mayor

Date

Shannon K. Neely, City Clerk

Date